

In response to a letter from Jon C Johnson (co-author of the Canadian Perfins catalogue) offering post-town information for some of the "CP/R" dies, I extended the 'trawl' for information to cover all known dies on G.B. stamps with 'Canadian Pacific' connections.

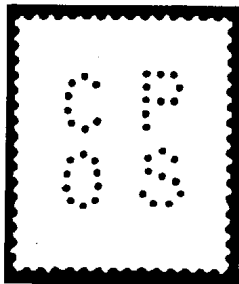
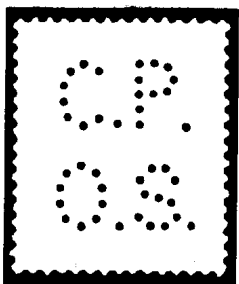
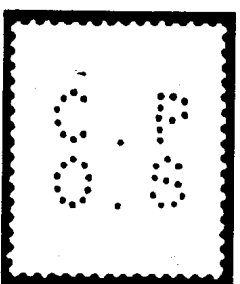
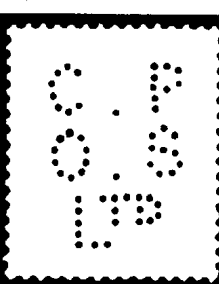
The following is a precis of the results, with special thanks to Joe Dooley, Jon C Johnson, John Nelson, Mike Oxley and Stephen Steere for their contributions.

1. Canadian Pacific Ocean Services Ltd.,

Pier Head, Liverpool. Also Glasgow & London SW1.

Formed in 1915 by combining the 'The Allen Line' (formerly the Montreal Ocean Steamship Co, Established 1854) with the 'Canadian Pacific Line'. The name changed in 1921 to become the 'Canadian Pacific Steamships Co Ltd'. The following four dies were probably used by this company, although only "C.P./O.S." (C6095.01) has so far been positively identified.

Note: "Ltd" has been added to the "C.P/O.S" die, although the company always seems to have been a Limited Company from when it was first formed in 1915.

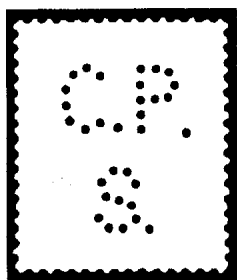
1915-1920	1915-1928	1915-1920	1920-1921
			
C6080.01	C6095.01	C6090.01	C6097.01
London	Liverpool & London S.W	Glasgow	Pmk n/k

All four dies are known only on KGV typographs (Royal Cypher)

2. **Canadian Pacific Steamships Co. Ltd.,** Liverpool & London.
(Formerly the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services Ltd.)

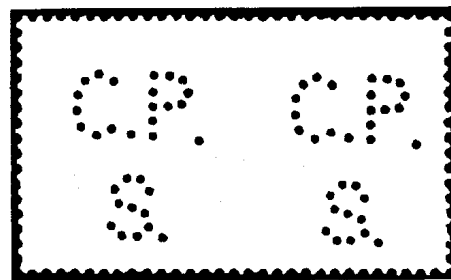
Although the name changed in 1921, the company appears to have continued using the 'old' "C.P./O.S." (C6095.01) die until c1928. The replacement die "C.P./S." (C6150.01M) is known to have been multi-headed, although the precise configuration is not yet known.

1928-1960



C6150.01M

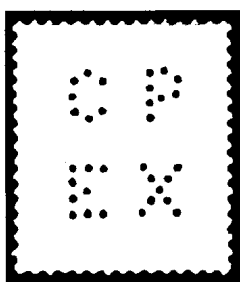
Note the subtle differences in the S's in the large format stamp.



3. **Canadian Pacific Express Co.,**
62 Trafalgar Square, London WC2.

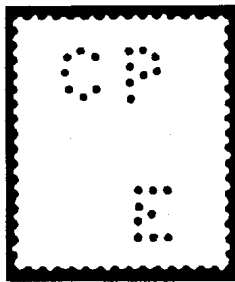
Until 1926, the company was known as the 'Dominion Express Co', having been originally incorporated in 1873.

1926-1941



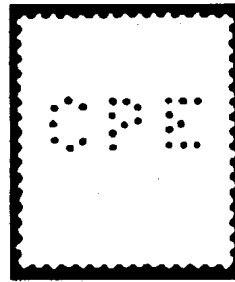
C5990.01

1941-1950



C5980.01p

1950-1965

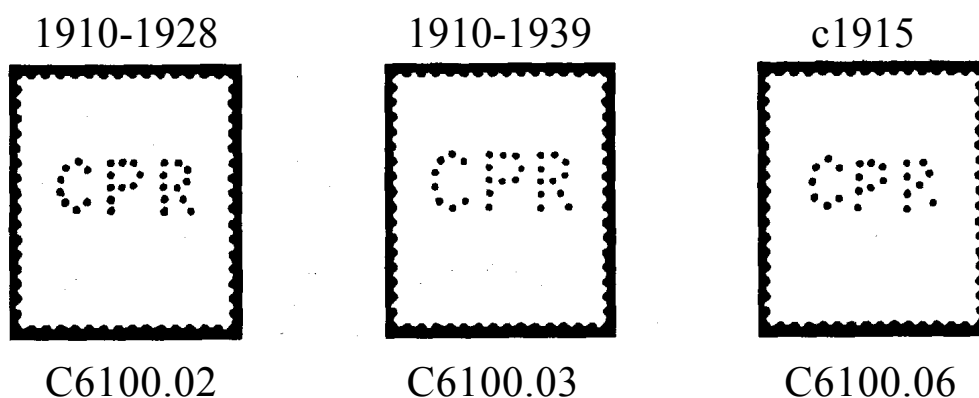


C5970.01

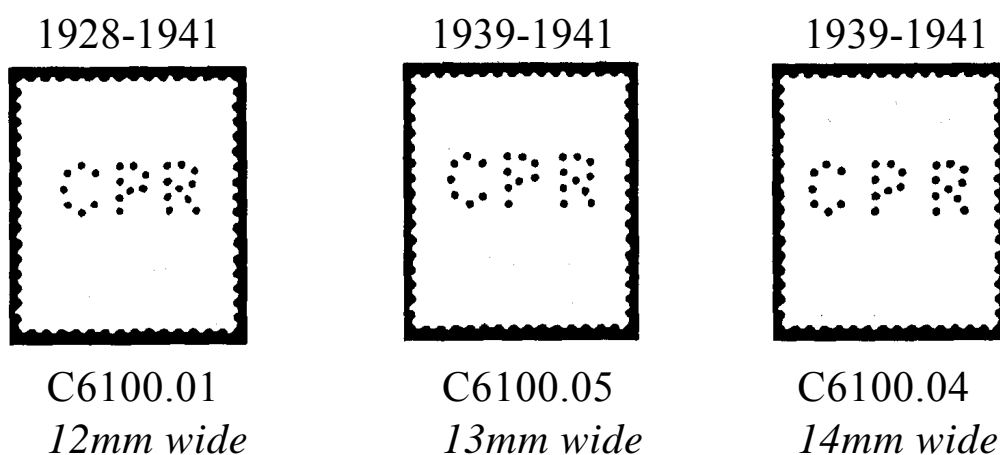
The original Sloper single headed die "CP/EX" (C5990.01) was destroyed in the "Blitz" on Sloper's premises in May 1941. Sloper's 'Emergency' replacement "CP/E" (C5980.01p) was itself replaced by "CPE" (C5970.01), a typical post-war Sloper single headed die.

4. **Canadian Pacific Railway Co.,**
 62-65 Charing Cross and 8 Waterloo Place, London SW1,
 Trafalgar Square, London WC2, 25
 Bothwell St, Glasgow, and Canute Rd, Southampton.

The earliest of all the various Canadian Pacific Railway dies is "CPR" (C6100.02), known used as early as 6 May 1899. This die had an above average life, and was probably replaced c1928 by "CPR" (C6100.01). Two more relatively early examples of this single line of initials were introduced c1910 and c1915.



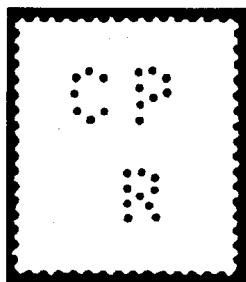
The pre-war era saw the introduction of three more "CPR" dies using the now familiar 4 hole high Sloper letters. These last three dies were probably destroyed in the "Blitz" on Sloper's premises in 1941.



Of the above, only C6100.01/02/03/06 have been positively identified as being used by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co.

Sloper's response to the loss of the "CPR" dies was to initial stamps using a 12x1 multi-headed "CP" die, and as a second operation, a 12x1 "R" die to produce "CP/R" (C6110.03p).

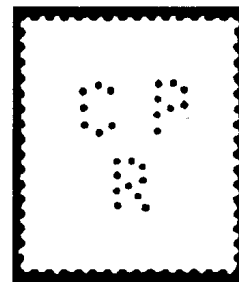
1941-1948



C6110.03p

A 'regular' Sloper single headed replacement die was introduced sometime between December 1947 and January 1949.

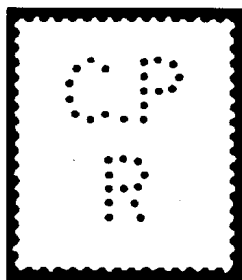
1948-1968



C6110.01

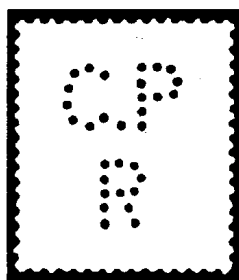
The next three dies, introduced at various times, seem to have been used at specific offices (based on postmark evidence). Care should be taken with the two "C.P/R" dies, which are very similar to each other, and both known to have been multi-headed. The shape to the top of the "P" can be used to differentiate them.

1904-1955



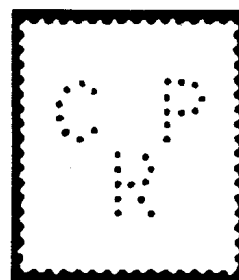
C6120.01M
Liverpool

1925-1965



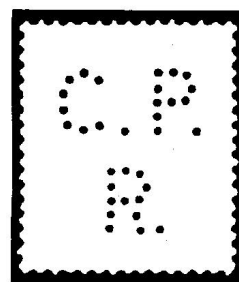
C6120.01aM
Southampton

1922-1955



C6110.02
Glasgow

1910-1930



C6125.01

Finally, this "C.P./R." die (C6125.01) appears to have seen spasmodic use over a twenty year period at their Charing Cross offices in London.